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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have enjoyed many great learning experiences which have supported knowledge building across the curriculum, whilst also contributing to important national campaigns such as Anti-Bullying. We are extremely proud to inform you that today Bramley Sunnyside Infant School were awarded **The South Yorkshire Anti-Bullying Silver Award** for:

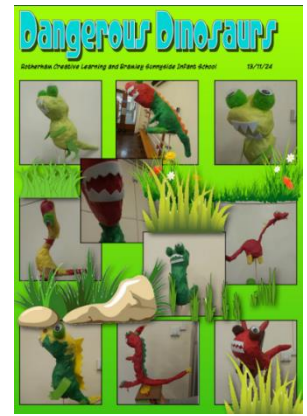
*"The continued work the school team do keeping pupils safe and actively promoting the Anti-Bullying message."*

Thursday though, was a most special day, where the school was flooded with music and creativity, engagement and involvement thanks to both Music Bugs and Mr Missing who put his classical musical training to work to play Beethoven's - Moonlight Sonata on the piano to the wonder and curiosity of our children, this was a truly memorable moment that I feel our children will hold forever. Why not play it at home too?!

*"I couldn't stop smiling, it made me so happy."* Isla F Class 7.

Next week we look forward to welcoming you into school on Tuesday and Thursday for Parent Consultations. Appointments will be hosted in the school hall so that we can keep everyone safe and secure. At these meetings we will serve refreshments and you will also have the opportunity to peruse the Scholastic Book Fair stock.

On Friday, we are lucky enough to have our friends at 'Family Learning' back in school for the 'Watts Up!' workshop. You will have been notified by email if you have an allocated place. We had such a fabulous event this week as parent and child worked together to produce a moving dinosaur! They were really amazing. Well done everyone!



We are now taking donations for our Christmas raffle and hamper from staff, families and business. Please send all contributions to the school office or via class staff. We really appreciate your support.



Thank you, for your continued support.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs S Season  
Head Teacher

*A very magical moment for me this week was when I got to meet former Bramley Sunnyside Headteacher Mrs Missing, who led the school for 17 years prior to Mrs Smith. She told me how she loves and misses the school and shared with me the good work she did to improve the school inside and out, which is still a lasting legacy. We look forward to Mr and Mrs Missing joining us on a Wednesday afternoon with thanks, to support the development of our school choir. She definitely left a positive lasting impression on me. 😊*

## Attendance

A reminder of The Department for Education's new updates to attendance.

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/education-2/school-attendance>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>



Please also be reminded that any late arrival (after registers have closed) is now recorded and classed as an 'Unauthorised Absence' so please make every

effort to arrive at school before the registers are closed at **9:15am**.

Attendance this week (whole school) is: 98.7%



Year group winner this week is: Year 2 with 99.31% **WELL DONE!!**

Please be informed that next term we will be contacting any families classed as 'persistent absentees'. **We respectfully encourage all families to take all holidays out of term time. Please do consider the learning lost by absence for your child.**

## Reporting Illnesses

When deciding if your child is well enough for school, please consult the NHS link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Thank you for communicating any absence, appointments and late arrivals via the school office. This is much appreciated. Please be reminded that we need a reason for any absence for our records.

## Early Years Foundation Stage

Please be informed that our FS1/Nursery and KS1 classes are now full for this academic year. We have two remaining places in our FS2/Reception year group. For further details please call the school office or Admissions on 01709 823777.

## Applying for your School Place

It is that time of year when all families are required to apply for their school primary place. This is for those children aged 3 and 4 years old who are in FS1/Nursery. Please be reminded that it is the Council Admissions team that process applicants. We urge you to apply sooner rather than later to ensure your place is secure at our school. Attending our FS1/Nursery unfortunately is not a determining factor for your child's place. We all usually receive notification in late Spring. <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/homepage/389/apply-for-a-school-place> Since we are an infant school, our current Y2 families are also required to apply for their preferred junior school place. <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/schools-schooling/moving-infant-junior-school> The deadline is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025. Telephone: Admissions on 01709 823777 for advice if the website isn't working and request a hard copy sent through the post if possible..

## Breakfast Club £4 **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!**

07:45-08:30am

Breakfast club is available every day to all children. During this session children can enjoy a varied choice of breakfast food and drink as well as access a gymnastics session on a Friday morning. Breakfast club starts at 07.45am. Places are available to book for the whole year. The daily cost includes a choice of food and drinks. During this special time before school children enjoy games, crafts and sports with their friends and are well supported by our happy, caring adults. Please book your child's place and make payment using Arbor.

## After School Clubs £3 – **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!**

Monday – **Football** - 15:05-16:10pm

Wednesday – **Hockey** - 15:05-16:10pm

Thursday – **Movie Night** - 15:05-16:10pm

Friday – **Recorders** - 15:05-16:10pm

Friday – **Gymnastics** - 07:45am – 8:30am

Places are available to book as a half term block using Arbor. Sports clubs are delivered by sports professionals 'Live & Learn'.

## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS CHANGING

### FIRST OFFENCE

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence or irregular attendance the amount will be:  
£60 per parent, per child if aged within 28 days within 10 days.

### SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time absence or irregular Attendance the amount will be:  
£120 per parent, per child if aged within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

The following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

### THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time absence or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates fines can be set to £250 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the Parents Future Child Certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

**10 SESSIONS (5 DAYS) OF UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE IN A 10-WEEK PERIOD**  
Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

Please follow the link for the Publication that will start from 19th August 2024.  
[www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)



## World Nursery Rhyme Week

We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in 'World Nursery Rhyme Week' in Foundation Stage. This year has had a particular focus on how nursery rhymes boost early language and literacy skills. The 5 rhymes we have focused on are 'Old McDonald', 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star', '5 Currant Buns', 'The Big Ship Sailed' and 'Incy Wincy Spider'.

As you know singing nursery rhymes is a wonderful activity you can also enjoy doing together at home. You can access all of the free resources at home by registering at

[www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com](http://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com)



Please send any video clips of children via ClassDojo of children singing our focused nursery rhymes.

Carter H "I enjoyed making currant buns in the playdough and singing it at the same time. "

"I loved dancing and bubbles. The horses were my favourite." - Luna

"Old MacDonald is my favourite song." - Finley B

"It was SO good." (with a beaming smile) - Scarlett

"My Mummy used to take me to Music Bugs. I love the instruments." - Ada B

## Community Events

It was lovely to see so many of our families on Sunday showing their respects at the Remembrance Sunday service. Thank you to William T, Eva N and Bella N for helping Mrs Searson & Mrs Fitzgerald to lay our School community wreath at the Cenotaph on Sunday. It was an honour to represent our school in the community.



We are all very proud of Beau C for his important role in the service.

Thank you to our poppy sellers Tommy B and Hattie B and to all our families for your continued generosity supporting the Poppy Appeal.



## Anti-Bulling

We have participated in the 'Choose Respect' national campaign this week, which focussed us one of our school values: 'Respect'. We began our week wearing our odd socks to celebrate individuality and uniqueness. Our Anti Bullying Week was celebrated with a visit from Miss Pearson, the Anti-bullying company, celebrating 'Choose Respect'.

Bobbie LF "I loved it because I was making everyone happy."

## Happiness Heroes

This week every child in school voted for two members of their class to represent on our 'Happiness Heroes' team. Our school happiness heroes, will continue to support their class members throughout the year with happy breathing, creating habit agreements, building character strengths and also continuing to represent their class by meeting with Mrs Fitzgerald throughout the year to showcase our 'My Happy Mind' Learning and make important decisions for our school. Congratulations to all our Happiness Heroes!



## Children in Need



Rimas A "I enjoyed giving money to the other parents to get new stuff for their children" We enjoyed a purposeful day thinking about those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you for your contribution which will be transferred to the CHILDREN IN NEED FUND.

## Fundraising

The recent school disco raised £564.31 which will be put towards improving personal development and cultural capital, providing exceptional experiences and opportunities for our children. We will always give back to our children. Thank you for your support.

## Diary Dates Term 1 2024

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Community Orthoptics in school
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to the 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Safeguarding Awareness Week 2024
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Scholastic Book Fair
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parent Consultations
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Family Learning session – ‘Watts Up!’ 9:100-11am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Community Orthoptics in school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Community Orthoptics in school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	KS1 Visit to Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime at Doncaster, CAST (PM) arrive back approx... 16:20pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Jack and the Beanstalk performance for EYFS at school (AM)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	FS1/Nursery Christmas Performance – AM & PM
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 perform at St Albans Christmas Choir Concert
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	FS2/Reception Christmas Performance – PM
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	FS2/Reception Christmas Performance – AM
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Performance AM & PM
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day – information to follow
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	FS2 Height & Weight
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Celebrations at St. Francis Church – information to follow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Father Christmas visit & whole school party day – information to follow
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of school
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Return to school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	EYFS Open Event (for prospective parents/families) 15:30-16:30pm

*\*Subject to change. \*\*More dates will be added in due course to enhance our curriculum and keep you well informed.*

## Term Dates for 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> September – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

5<sup>th</sup> November – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

6<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

25<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

14<sup>th</sup> April – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Easter weekend 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>)

22<sup>nd</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 (5<sup>th</sup> May, May Day)

6<sup>th</sup> May – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> June – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

## Inset Days 2024/2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## FS1 and FS2 September 2025



### \*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*

We are pleased to share the dates of our open events for children and families (FS1 & FS2) wishing to join our wonderful school in September 2025.

Sessions will be held in our Foundation Unit between 3.30pm – 4.30pm, please use the entrance on Linden Avenue.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Please contact the school office on 01709 543061 to book your place or for further information.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing in your child's learning journey.

## COPING AT CHRISTMAS

The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...

**NHS** 111 online

Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7

[Nhs.uk/mental-health](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health)



Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: [pat@papyrus-uk.org](mailto:pat@papyrus-uk.org) 24/7

[Papyrus-uk.org](https://www.papyrus-uk.org)

**SAMARITANS**

Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) for a reply within 24 hours

[Samaritans.org](https://www.samaritans.org)



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 414 8247

[Mind.org.uk](https://www.mind.org.uk)

**shout**  
85258

Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19

[Giveusashout.org](https://www.giveusashout.org)

**CALM**

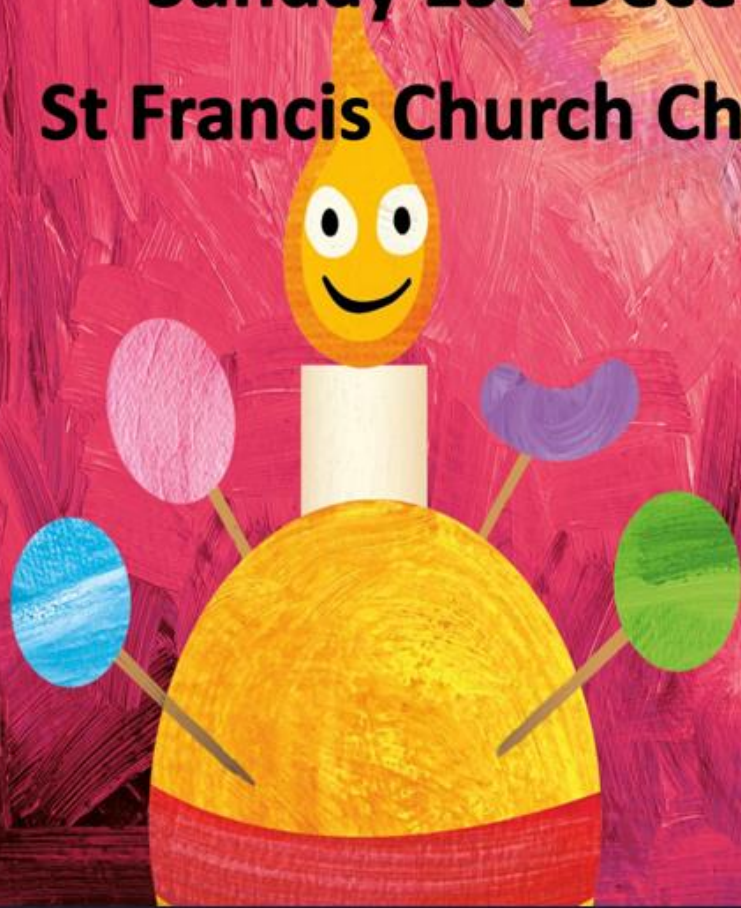
Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858

[Thecalmzone.net](https://www.thecalmzone.net)

[ChristmasCountdown.uk](https://www.ChristmasCountdown.uk)

**Sunday 1st December at 4pm**

**St Francis Church Christingle Service**



Come share  
the light this  
**Christingle**

St Francis Church, Bramley,  
Rotherham, S66 2RQ  
bramley.stfrancis@gmail.com

## **Christmas at St Francis Church**

**Saturday 23rd November 2pm Christmas Fair**

**Sunday 1st December 4pm Christingle**

**Sunday 9th 1.30pm Mother's Union Christmas Service**

**Thursday 12th 6pm Carols at King Henry**

**Sunday 15th December 6pm Carol Service**

**Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service**

**Christmas Eve 11.15pm Holy Communion**

**Christmas Day 10am Family Service**